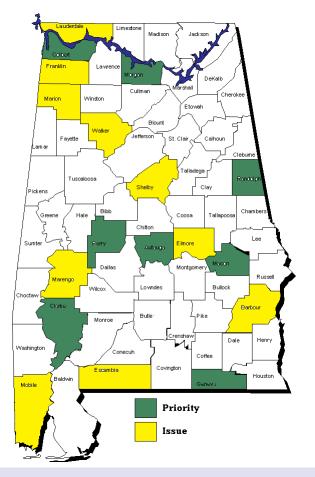
# **County Assessments**

## **Delinquency Prevention**

#### **CPC Accomplishments**



Greene County Children s Policy Council is providing a tutorial program reaching lower income families. The program oversees 25 community volunteers. The program's mission is "to improve the quality of life for the children of Greene County by providing an affordable and accessible education."

Barbour County Children s Policy Council brought Operation Save Teens to almost all schools in the county and community.

Reinstatement of the Early Warning Truancy Prevention Program

Macon County Children's Policy Council

Adjudicated youth have greater opportunity to receive rehabilitation and treatment to re-enter society.

Randolph County Children's Policy Council

Early identification of students experiencing academic and behavioral difficulties.

Walker County Children's Policy Council

Support Sheriff Franklin's grant application with ADECA to start a weekend program for juveniles appearing in Elmore County Juvenile Court. The program would meet for eight (8) hours on Saturday and eight (8) hours on Sunday. The Juvenile Judge would determine the number of weekends a child would attend the program.

Elmore County Children's Policy Council

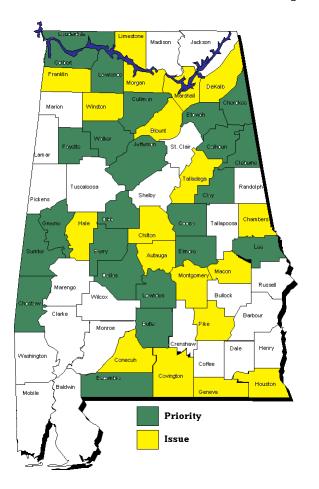
Expand existing Parent Project to serve all members of families with at-risk children.

Colbert County Children's Policy Council

Establish a local Group Home/Assessment Home for children with behavioral problems.

Lauderdale County Children's Policy Council

# **Community Collaboration**



#### **CPC Accomplishments**

The Dale County CPC was eligible for a federal grant related to substance abuse prevention. Members of the council took different parts of the application and completed them so that no one person had to do the work. The CPC, with its broad membership and minutes from past meetings, was able to prove to reviewers that their council was not only active, but thriving. The grant totals \$500,000 over 5 years.

The Blount County CPC identified a closed hospital and the need to co-locate social service agencies into one location. The council applied for federal funds to refurbish the hospital and worked with agencies to move into the facility. Residents will be able to access services from various social service agencies at one location.

The Greene County CPC Parent Involvement and Skills and Education Committees worked collaboratively together to plan and implement a county-wide Parent Orientation Day in all four schools in the School System. More than 500 parents were in attendance.

All agencies serving Calhoun County children will have opportunites to collaborate to assess, plan, seek resources, manage resources and evaluate programs. This will occur through the CPC Roundtable meetings. This effort was implemented as a bi-monthly series as a round table discussion panel to enhance community collaboration. The community developed and implemented a local CPC website hosted by the Community Foundation of Calhoun County.

Calhoun County Children's Policy Council

Continue implementation of the At-Risk Criteria for children in partnership with the multi-disciplinary /multineed forum. Advocate effectively for appropriate referrals and services which eliminate gaps in services that prevent duplication.

Escambia County Children s Policy Council

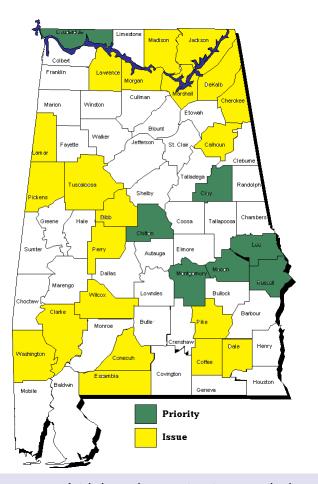
Create information sharing session among professionals working with at-risk students to encourage students to stay in school.

Marshall County Children's Policy Council

System-wide coordination with the Jefferson County Workforce Investment Board for job readiness, marketable skills and employment services available for youth.

Jefferson County Children s Policy Council

## **Availability of Child Care**



#### **CPC** Accomplishments

Madison County Children's Policy Council administered a parent survey with local childcare centers. A grant from the Alabama Partnership for Children was received in late 2003. It was used to develop and administer a survey to parents with children at childcare centers. The primary research questions focused on parental understanding of child development, disciplinary measures, parenting resources utilized by parents and cost of childcare. Final results will be disseminated this year.

Wilcox County Children's Policy Council advocated for and allocated funding for programs designated as early education and HeadStart programs.

Encourage faith-based organizations and churches to development of daycare centers within their churches or organizations.

WIlcox County Children's Policy Council

CPC agency partners have worked collaboratively to develop a comprehensive plan for early care and education for children ages 0-5 in Anniston through partnership with Alabama's Partnership for Children and a grant through the Anniston Civil Justice Fund.

Calhoun County Children s Policy Council

Acquiring autonomy for the Russell County Head Start programs rather than being grouped together with Lee County and under their control.

Russell County Children's Policy Council

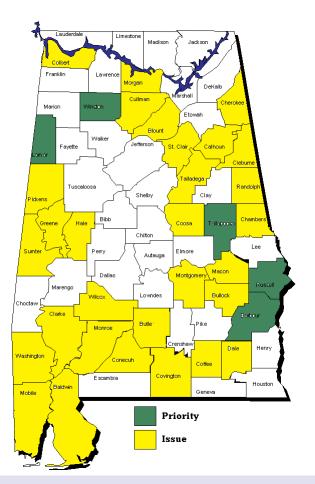
There is a need for more licensed family day care homes and day care centers with more paid day care slots for income eligible children of working parents.

Dale County Children's Policy Council

Educate the public to recognize and value quality early childhood care/programs with a local and state ad campaign and information distribution.

Marshall County Children's Policy Council

## **Teen Pregnancy**



#### **CPC Accomplishments**

Etowah County received a grant from the Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy that purchased program materials to go into fifth grade classrooms.

Tallapoosa County received a grant from the Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. They utilized the funds to contract with the local high school media team to develop and produce a video on teen pregnancy called "It's Your Life." They have sold over 100 copies.

Wilcox County received funding from the Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy and held two summits for teenage males to inform them of their responsibility in teen pregnancy, the child support responsibility, and life as a teen father.

Winston county will formulate a county wide teen pregnancy prevention plan

Winston County Children's Policy Council

Substance-use during pregnanacy is a problem behavior with long-term negative consequences. Teen pregnancy continues to be a problem in Mobile.

Mobile County Children's Policy Council

Build on existing teen pregnancy prevention and support services provided by Concern for Children, Inc., Quality of Life and Life and the Alabama Dept. of Public Health to reduce teen pregnancy rates in Calhoun County.

Calhoun County Children s Policy Council

Educate teens and their parents about the consequences and responsibilities of early sexual involvement.

Chambers County Children's Policy Council

Sponsor a resource fair to allow county residents access to health and pregnancy prevention information in our county.

Greene County Children's Policy Council

## **School Readiness**



#### **CPC Accomplishments**

Both Tallapoosa and Cleburne Countyies are working with the Dollywood Foundation which provides a book a month to a family with children 0-5 years of age at a cost of only \$27 per child, per year.

Cleburne County has initiated a "Jump Start Program" which encourages parents to read to their children.

Colbert County established a system for the donation of free books for local youth.

Children in Franklin County need easy access to quality early literacy programs so they develop needed and appropriate skills for school readiness resulting in children ready to learn when they begin school.

Franklin County Children s Policy Council

Early intervention (parenting, pre-natal, job-training) for Hispanic women with children ages 0-5.

Limestone County Children's Policy Council

All children are actively learning in all developmental areas and will be prepared to succeed in school.

Montgomery County Children's Policy Council

Support and expand existing efforts to provide comprehensive screening of preschool children in the areas of vision, hearing, dental, development, speech, language, mental health, etc.

Jefferson County Children's Policy Council

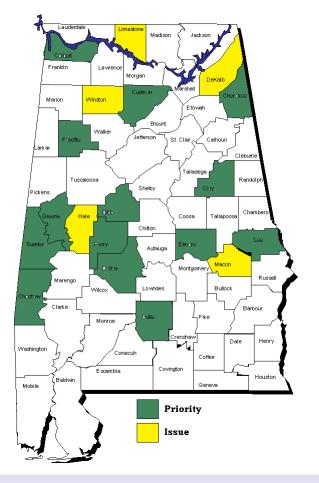
Develop standards and accreditation for preschool programs.

Washington County Children's Policy Council

Every child should enter school prepared to learn what is taught in school.

Talladega County Children's Policy Council

## **Family Resource Centers**



#### **CPC Accomplishments**

The Elmore County Childen's Policy Council secured grant funding to provide staff for a Family Resource Center and worked with regional planning office and city to seek a construction grant for the Center. The center is now open.

Sumter County began, in April 2005, extensive excavation on 6 ½ acres that were donated by Georgia Pacific Foundation to the Children's Policy Council for the development of a family resource center. Community partners have donated hours of service to the creation of our family resource center.

Lee County needs a Family Resource Center to not only supply a link connecting the many services found in Lee County, but more importantly, to connect those services with Lee County children and families in need of those services.

Lee County Children's Policy Council

Provide career awareness/education and goal setting activities to promote values and attitudes regarding future education and vocation.

Clay County Children's Policy Council

Increase funding for Family Resource Centers in order to increase the number of services and classes that will promote physical and mental well-being for at-risk families in Butler County.

Butler County Children's Policy Council

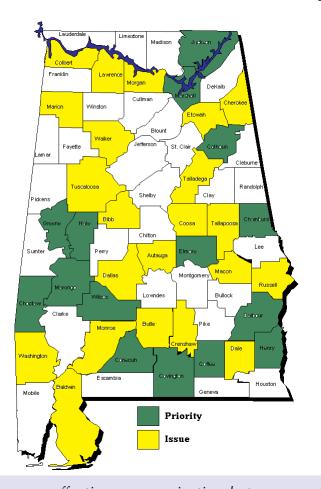
Make support services available to parents locally rather than sending them to Huntsville or Decatur.

Limestone County Children's Policy Council

Expand and develop partnerships with Greene County Housing Authority, Greene County Commission, Department of Public Health and others to build/obtain Family Resource Center with primary emphasis placed on promoting Healthy Family Relationships.

Greene County Children's Policy Council

## **Poor Family Supervision**



#### **CPC Accomplishments**

Several Children's Policy Councils have brought the Parent Project to their community. This year the program was started in Fayette, Lamar, Winston, and Marion Counties by their CPCs.

The Rainbow Family Resource Center, a project of the Conecuh Children's Policy Council, is currently offering parenting programs on abstinence and anger management. The project has been so successful that they are now running out of room and having to find additional office space.

Increase effective communication between parents and children related to at-risk behaviors such as substance abuse, truancy, teen pregnancy and the apathy toward the importance of education.

Autauga County Children s Policy Council

Provide in home skills building for parents who are deficient in basic homemaking and child rearing, to include of children who are referred to Juvenile Court for ungovernable behavior.

Jackson County Children s Policy Council

The parents lack of knowledge/education necessary to assist their children in completing their homework assignments and perform successfully in school.

Russell County Children's Policy Council

Increase parental awareness about the importance of parental involvement in the educational process.

Macon County Children's Policy Council

Expand Parent Project program with the schools in response to truancy problems and discipline problems to promote family interactions and appropriate limits on youth behavior.

Dale County Children's Policy Council

### **Substance Abuse Prevention**



#### **CPC Accomplishments**

The Elmore County Children's Policy Council received a grant for \$750,000 over the next three years for Substance Abuse Prevention. The initiative utilizes a comprehensive approach including programs for all 6th graders and programs targeted at truancy.

The Barbour, Marshall, and Winston County Children's Policy Councils applied for funds from Alabama's Unified Prevention System grant. Each of these councils were selected to participate in the Capacity Building portion of the grant. This will give each county \$100,000 of planning money and very valuable technical assistance over the next year to design a substance abuse prevention system. Each county will also receive \$500,000 over the two following years for implementation.

The Lee County and Tallapoosa County Children's Policy Councils joined forces to form the Lee-Tallapoosa Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition.

Underage drinking particularly binge drinking is one of Mobile County s Top Three Priority Youth Problem Behaviors. The use of evidence-based lifeskills, mentoring, and after-school programming are proven effective strategies in reducing this behavior.

Mobile County Children's Policy Council

Shelby County Board of Education has seen an overall improvement in schools for substance abuse/usage; however, Middle School students have been identified as being in need of services/programs that address prevention and intervention.

Shelby County Children's Policy Council

The growing presence of Methamphetamine.

Fayette County Children's Policy Council

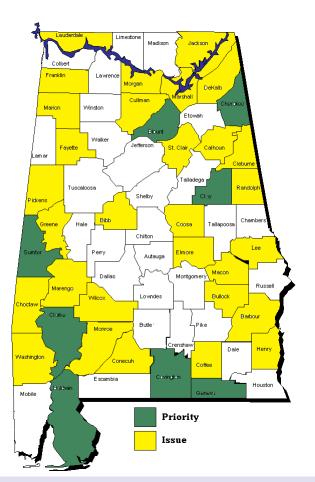
Create a coordinated strategy to prevent substance abuse for children and adolescents.

Escambia County Children's Policy Council

Continue a substance abuse prevention coalition which promotes collaboration among community agencies, the school system, the Children's Policy Council, and other organizations to decrease substance abuse in Butler County.

Butler County Children's Policy Council

## **Child Abuse and Neglect**



#### **CPC Accomplishments**

Coffee County Children s Policy Council implemented a Domestic Violence protocol for law enforcement.

Cherokee County Children s Policy Council researched and requested free information on Child Abuse and Neglect. A CD and manual on Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect were distributed to all day care providers and teachers in the County.

Children exposed to use and making of crystal methamphetamine in their home.

DeKalb County Children's Policy Council

Make expert child abuse medical exams available to children from rural Clarke County Alabama.

Clarke County Children s Policy Council

Provide opportunities for safe and meaningful visitation for children at risk of abuse and neglect.

Marshall County Children's Policy Council

Child abuse will be accurately reported.

Coosa County Children s Policy Council

Promoting a decrease in the number of children who are abused and neglected through support groups for parents.

St. Clair County Children s Policy Council

Educate elementary and junior high school students about sexual abuse.

Elmore County Children s Policy Council